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TAGS: MILI, TW

SUBJECT: LINSSENMEYER VISIT

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 1047

1. WE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE NEED FOR LINSSENMEYER TO VISIT TAIWAN SO SOON AFTER HIS PREVIOUS VISIT AND WOULD PREFER THAT HIS JUNKET BE CANCELLED. BECAUSE OF HIS UN-HELPFUL ROLE IN PROMOTING THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON DECISION ANALYSIS LAST YEAR, WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED BY HIS INTENTION TO MEET WITH ROC MILITARY OFFICIALS AND WONDER WHAT NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE HE MAY PLAN TO CONTACT.

2. OUR POLICY IS TO DISAPPROVE ALL UNNECESSARY MILITARY TRAVEL TO TAIWAN. WE VIEW THIS IN PART AS AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT DESIGNED TO CONVINCE THE MILITARY THAT TAIWAN HAS TO BE TAKEN OFF THEIR REGULAR TRAVEL CIRCUIT IN THE FAR EAST AND EXCLUDED FROM REGIONAL MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

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3. NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT LINSSENMEYER'S VISIT IS OF NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND WE LEAVE IT TO EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT WHETHER TO RAISE OBJECTION WITH TDC IN THIS INSTANCE. IF YOU DECIDE TO ACQUIESCE IN THE VISIT, YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT LINSSENMEYER CONTACT THE EMBASSY AND

EXPLAIN HIS PLANS BEFORE CONTACTING ANY CHINESE SO THAT
YOU CAN ASSURE THAT HE IS NOT PROMOTING ANOTHER MULTI-
LATERAL CONFERENCE ON TAIWAN.
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